

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, we have a grave problem in our country today: illegal pornography and obscenity. It is rampant in our society. It is readily available to all our children on the Internet, and the health and safety of our children are at risk.

Under the Reagan and Bush administrations, the Department of Justice successfully and aggressively prosecuted illegal pornographers. They rarely lost any of the hundreds of cases brought to court. In one 2-year span, they successfully prosecuted over 200 obscenity cases.

Since President Clinton took office, prosecution of illegal pornographers and obscenity has all but ceased. Prosecutions are down 75 percent.

In 1997, there were only 6 prosecutions of illegal pornographers by all 93 U.S. attorneys. In March 1998, the Adult Video News Magazine, the trade magazine for the porn industry, announced it is a great time to be an adult retailer.

This lack of prosecution has sent a clear message to the makers of illegal pornography and illegal obscenity that it is okay to make and distribute such material. Under the Clinton administration they will not even be prosecuted for their crimes.

It is time for the Clinton administration to get to work and enforce existing anti-obscenity laws.

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BREAST AND CERVICAL TREATMENT ACT COMING TO THE FLOOR BEFORE MOTHER'S DAY

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, it has been a full 5 months since the Breast and Cervical Treatment Act was passed unanimously out of the Committee on Commerce. This life-saving bill currently has 289 cosponsors and enjoys strong bipartisan support.

Mother's Day is approaching. What better gift for mothers and grandmothers around this country than to provide treatment for breast and cervical cancer to underserved women?

I learned today that the House leadership has agreed to move H.R. 1070 before Mother's Day. I applaud this decision and urge the Speaker to bring a clean bill to the floor for a vote.

How much longer must the mothers of this Nation wait?

SUPPORT PASSAGE OF PNTR FOR CHINA

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of granting Permanent Normal Trade Relations to China, so-called PNTR.

Some would have us believe that, by supporting China's session to the WTO, and by granting China PNTR, we will be sending jobs overseas. This is simply not true.

On the contrary, granting China PNTR will allow us to take full advantage of the bilateral agreement signed last November and drastically reduce the Chinese barriers to trade. As a result of increased opportunities to export, American businesses can only expand, creating new jobs of every kind, from unionized jobs to export control jobs.

With expanded exports, companies will grow, making them able to offer greater benefits to existing workers, not get rid of them.

I urge my colleagues to support PNTR for China on behalf of American workers, farmers, and businesses.

STOP TUBERCULOSIS NOW ACT

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) and I have introduced the Stop Tuberculosis Now Act. The legislation proposes to amend the Foreign Assistance Act. It authorizes \$100 million appropriation to USAID for the purposes of diagnosing TB in high incidence countries.

TB is one of the greatest infectious killers of adults worldwide, killing 2 million people per year, killing more people last year than any year in world history. Thirteen hundred Indians, for example, die every day from tuberculosis. It is the biggest killer of young women and the biggest killer of people with HIV/AIDS in the world.

The World Health Organization estimates that one-third of the world's population is infected with the bacteria that causes TB including at least 10 million individuals in the United States. Eight million people around the world will develop active TB each year. TB is spreading as a result of inadequate treatment, and it is a disease that certainly knows no national boundaries.

We have a remarkably cost effective strategy for TB control, DOTS, the Directly Observed Treatment Short course, that uses inexpensive drugs at a cost of as little as \$15 per person in developing countries. The strategy is only reaching one person in five. The question is not a medical one, it is a political one.

REPUBLICANS ARE REINVENTING GOVERNMENT

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, the Clinton-Gore administration talked about reinventing government, but the Republican Congress is actually doing it.

For example, Federal laws prohibit convicted criminals from receiving

supplemental security income. However, for years, the Social Security Administration relied on convicted prisoners to notify them of their ineligibility for SSI benefits. Not surprisingly, hundreds of prisoners convicted of robbery, rape, and assault continue to receive welfare benefits while in jail, courtesy of the American taxpayer.

Perhaps the worst example of this fraud and abuse, California's "freeway killer," William Bonin, responsible for killing more than 44 people, received \$80,000 in fraudulent SSI payments while on death row.

In response, Republicans developed and passed a solution to this problem. As a result, taxpayers today will save over \$3 billion.

GUN SAFETY

(Ms. CARSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, every day across this country, our children are dying due to gun violence. Yet, Congress has failed to stop the killing and protect our children.

Over 2 weeks ago, the House went on record in support of the juvenile justice conference committee holding a meeting within 2 weeks. Their deadline has been ignored.

I am outraged that Congress has failed to move forward on gun safety legislation. How many more children have to die before we pass strong preventative child gun legislation?

My bill, H.R. 515, the Child Handgun Injury Prevention Act, which I introduced in the first session of this Congress, is a bill to prevent children from injuring themselves with handguns.

If enacted, this bill would require child-safety devices on handguns and establish standards and testing procedures for those devices. As of today, we have 76 cosponsors.

We cannot call ourselves ethical leaders when we stand by and do nothing while our children are being killed by gun violence. We have a moral responsibility to pass laws that protect our schools, our communities, and our families, a great act on our part prior to Mother's Day.

LAWS DO NOT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE, ENFORCING CURRENT LAWS DO

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, it is interesting as so many come to the well to try and make sense of the senseless. But it is extremely difficult to understand how we can undue senseless acts when current laws are not enforced. Penalizing law abiding Americans who freely exercise their rights under the Second Amendment does not improve anyone's safety.